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Senate Bill No. SJR0035  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Arliss L. Roaden on his many years of outstanding service as executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should recognize those individuals who have performed their duties with remarkable skill and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, Dr. Arliss L. Roaden has served as Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, an agency responsible for planning, budgeting, and program approval for higher education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his many faithful and exemplary years at the helm of this commission, Dr. Roaden is now universally admired and respected by his colleagues for his outstanding service, an honor most befitting such a dedicated and distinguished leader; and

WHEREAS, under his sterling leadership, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has continued to promote the concept of progressive education in Tennessee, a goal that is unquestionably worthy of high praise; and

WHEREAS, one of the state's most respected educators, Dr. Roaden is a graduate of Cumberland College where he received his diploma in English, Carson Newman College where he received his AB in English, and The University of Tennessee at Knoxville where he received

his Master's and Doctor's degrees in Educational Administration. He has also been awarded Honorary Doctor's degrees from Cumberland and Tusculum Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Arliss L. Roaden has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the educational and civic life of Tennessee and has served the people of this great state in numerous capacities; he has always worked diligently at his duties and worked well with others; and

WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1974, the administration of Ohio State University evinced their faith in the leadership capabilities of Dr. Roaden by asking him to serve in a variety of positions ranging from assistant professor to dean of the graduate school; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary administrator and sagacious educator, Dr. Roaden served for 11 years as the president of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee; he presently serves on the board of directors of the First American Bank in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roaden is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the educational process and has garnered much respect from his colleagues for his outstanding contributions to and service as a member of the National Association of State Higher Education Executive Officers, Vice Chairman of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation Board, and past member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges; and

WHEREAS, as a strong advocate for intercollegiate athletics, Dr. Roaden demonstrated his support through his meritorious service as past vice president of NCAA for Division I schools. He also received the Contribution to Football Award from the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame for his vital role with the NCAA in improving college athletics; and

WHEREAS, a role model and scholar, Dr. Roaden holds a torch of wisdom and experience, paving the way for many to succeed in their various pursuits of excellence; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in high academic standards, he continues to encourage the State of Tennessee to promote quality education; and

WHEREAS, as an accomplished speaker, Dr. Roaden eloquently delivered commencement addresses to various institutions of higher education such as Tusculum College, 1993; Volunteer State Community College, 1991 Tennessee Technological University, 1985 and 1990; Trevecca Nazarene College, 1990; University of Tennessee, Martin, 1988; Memphis State University, now known as The University of Memphis, 1985 and 1987; Cumberland College, 1986; Freed Hardeman College, 1985; Cleveland State Community College, 1983; Deberry Academy, Baxter, Tennessee, 1983; and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1980; and

WHEREAS, he served as an unofficial ambassador for the cause of improving higher education when he traveled to other countries such as the People's Republic of China, France, Japan, England, Germany, Russia and Sweden; and

WHEREAS, his persistent inclination to ensure that education consistently moved toward improvement, Dr. Roaden served on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding and prolific writer, Dr. Roaden has composed more than 100 published and unpublished documents and papers; and

WHEREAS, for his most profound research and evaluation studies, he was honored by The Education Division of the American Education Research Association for the best evaluation study of 1976; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roaden is a member of the National and Middle Tennessee Councils of the Boy Scouts of America where in 1983, he received the Silver Beaver Award and in 1989, he received the Eagle Class and Good Shepherd Awards in recognition of his exemplary work in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, as a member and past crusade chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Division of the American Cancer Society, Dr. Roaden was awarded the National Divisional Award of the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1995, Dr. Roaden will relinquish the mantle of leadership at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to take a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to pause in our deliberations to honor Dr. Roaden for his exemplary service and great leadership in education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Dr. Arliss L. Roaden on his many years of outstanding service as Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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